

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON COMMERCE**

**Thursday, June 23, 2005**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Room 308, House Office Building**

**Chair Huizenga** called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti, McConico (18/19)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Wenke (1/19)

**Representative Meisner**, supported by **Representative Green**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on June 21, 2005. Hearing no objection, the minutes were adopted with **unanimous consent**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 4262, 4311 and 4312** before the committee.

HB 4262	Huizenga	Construction; code; issuance of certain permits to certain persons; clarify as to interior designers.
HB 4311	Meisner	Occupations; interior design; licensure of interior designers; provide for and clarify certain services provided.
HB 4312	Meisner	Occupations; licensing fees; licensure of interior designers; provide for.

**Representative Meisner** explained the intent of the bills.

**Linda Thomas**, representing the Coalition of Interior Design Registration, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

**Charles Bommarito**, representing the Coalition of Interior Design Registration, testified in **support** of the bills.

**Virginia North**, representing the Coalition of Interior Design Registration, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

**Leonard Else**, representing the Coalition of Interior Design Registration, testified in **support** of the bills.

**Laura Bonucchi**, representing the Coalition of Interior Design Registration, testified in **support** of the bills.

**Jill Stewart**, representing the American Institute of Architects – Michigan, testified in **opposition** to the bills and answered questions.

**Stuart Pettitt**, representing the American Institute of Architects – Michigan, testified in **opposition** to the bills.

**Larry Olivares**, from the Legislative Service Bureau, answered questions regarding definitions in the State of Michigan Occupational Code.

**Kevin Roby**, representing the City of Novi, testified in **opposition** to the bills and answered questions.

**Benedetto Tiseo**, representing the American Institute of Architects – Michigan, testified in **opposition** to the bills and answered questions.

**Gary Quesada**, Attorney at Law, testified in **opposition** to the bills and answered questions.

**Lee Schwartz**, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, testified in **support** of the bills.

**Michelle Belt**, representing the Coalition of Interior Design Registration, testified in **support** of the bills.

**Harrell Scarcello**, representing the Coalition of Interior Design Registration, testified in **support** of the bills.

**William McKay**, representing the Michigan State Chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills, but did not speak due to time constraints.

The **Chair** announced that the committee would go at ease, the time being **10:30 a.m.**

**Chair Huizenga** reconvened the committee, the time being **12:39 p.m.**

The **Chair** read the names of those who submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

**Ann Partridge Reardon**, representing the American Society of Interior Designers – Michigan Chapter;

**Vita Buffa**, representing the American Society of Interior Designers – Michigan, the National Kitchen and Bath Association, and the Coalition of Interior Design Registration;

**Margie Cockle**, representing the Coalition of Interior Design Registration;

**William Stevens**, representing the Michigan State Chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association;

**Patricia Rowen**, representing Rowen Design;

**Elizabeth Jackson**, representing Rowen Design;

**Jami Moter**, representing herself;

**Kevin Redmond**, representing US Kitchen and Bath;

**Wendy Reynolds**, representing the Coalition of Interior Design Registration;

**Craig Varady**, representing himself;

**Gail Patton**, representing Gail Patton's Designs;

**Cathy Blackmer**, representing herself;

**Susan Weaver**, representing the Coalition of Interior Design Registration;

**Barbara Marini**, representing Marini Interiors;

**Sandra Johnstone**, representing Sandra Johnstone Design Association;

**Philomena Rosnik**, representing the Coalition of Interior Design Registration;

**Chad Doty**, representing the Coalition of Interior Design Registration;

**Kami Taylor-Mead**, representing the American Society of Interior Designers and the Coalition of Interior Design Registration;

**Cricket Brown**, representing the Coalition of Interior Design Registration.

**Chair Huizenga** announced that the following people submitted testimony cards in **opposition** to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

**Ron Brenke**, representing the American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan;

**Tom Martin**, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

**Chair Huizenga** also announced that the committee would take up the bills again at a later date.

**Representative Marleau**, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Huizenga** excused **Representative Wenke**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **12:46 p.m.**

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**Representative Bill Huizenga, Chair**

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